

Proclamation
Presented to
Richard Kauhi Quartette
HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME
◆ 2011 INDUCTEE ◆

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette was founded by Richard Kauhi, a gifted pianist who at the age of 8 began taking piano lessons every Wednesday afternoon from Vernon Waldo Thompson at Punahou School; and

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette was originally made up of the following talented musicians:

- Richard Kapapanuihānaumoku Kauhi (May 21, 1929 - January 21, 1979);
- John "Johnny" Castello (August 10, 1923 - September 10, 1979);
- James Paulo Kaku (October 24, 1926 - February 14, 1984);
- Mark "Sonny" Kamaka (January 3, 1928 - July 19, 1999); and

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette was developed by Richard Kauhi in the Kauhi Family home on Campbell Avenue in Kapahulu, with childhood friend, John Castello, who became the group's bassist; James Kaku, who played the cocktail drums; and Mark Kamaka, who played guitar and sang the high part of the harmonies; and

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette recorded for Bell Records in the summer of 1948, a number of hybrid, jazzy songs which featured flawless four-part vocals, driven by intricate piano arrangements, including "Lei Pakalana" the group's debut record and signature hit; and other notable songs such as "My Yellow Ginger Lei," "Goodnight Baby, Goodnight," "Klss Me Love," "Tahitian Lullaby," "Nani Waimea," and "Haunani Mine"; and

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette opened for an engagement at "Felix's Florentine Gardens" in September, 1948; the group was the new rage of Honolulu night scene, toured the Honolulu nightclub circuit, performed at places such as the Queen's Surf, Lau Yee Chai, Pago Pago, Zebra Room; and

WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette throughout the years has changed, new members include: Alex Kaeck, Tony Lui Kwan, Raymond Lara, James Kaopuiki, Henry Allen and Pappy Bowman; and


WHEREAS, The Richard Kauhi Quartette will be inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame on May 1, 2011;


THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, **BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2011, as

"RICHARD KAUHI QUARTETTE" DAY

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us and the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame in recognizing the Richard Kauhi Quartette for their contributions to Hawaiian Music and history of culture & arts in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of April, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i